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NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Good Cook Wanted.
Notice—H. A. Polson.
James R. Nelson, M. D.
Insurance—W. C. Lewis.
Auction—T. C. Spencer.
Maine Central Railroad.
Good Board and Rooms.
Mechanics Relief Association.
Josiah Quint's Est.—Com. Notice.
William R. Holder's Est.—Com. Notice.
Harvey E. Pierce's Est.—Pres. Account.
Roxana Chickering's Est.—Pres. Account.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's Drug Store, for the week ending Jan. 3, 1893.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Wednesday	13	-3
Thursday	14	-13
Friday	17	-13
Saturday	13	-9
Sunday	18	-8
Monday	36	-19
Tuesday	23	-5

The dash in rates below zero.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

—All the public schools open again next Monday.

—The newly-elected officers of the Eastern Star Chapter will be installed next Monday Evening.

—The banks received the Columbian half dollars Monday and they were quickly disposed of. They retailed at \$1.25.

—Miss Gay's kindergarten will re-open in the studio at Music hall next Monday at 9 a. m. Any new scholars can join the school at this time.

—A merry party of young people went to Lyndonville on Tuesday evening in Kirk's big barge, and in spite of the low state of the mercury the racket was a success.

—Tomorrow night, at Music Hall, mandolin, guitar, banjo, xylophone and other music, by the Imperial Quartette—the first concert of that sort here for some time past.

—The charter members of the St. Johnsbury Street Railway Company will meet next Saturday night to see what steps ought to be taken under the act granting the company a charter.

—The record of the year, published elsewhere in this issue, (which, however, is not claimed to be absolutely complete) shows that there were 77 deaths in town during 1892, the greatest mortality being in January.

—A polo club is being organized here to play polo during the winter. A league will be formed between clubs at St. Johnsbury, Lyndonville and New Port and lots of fun is anticipated. The game at home will be played in the Opera House.

—The graduates of the Keeley Institute at North Conway, N. H., will have a banquet at the St. Johnsbury House next Tuesday evening. There will be speeches, and a general reunion of old friends, and if possible the formation of a local league.

—On the second and third pages of this issue of the CALEDONIAN will be found the record of local events for the year 1892. It will, we believe, prove interesting, and extra copies of the paper, to file away for reference, or to mail to friends out of town, may be had at this office.

—With mercury at from 26° to 31° below zero, as was the case here yesterday morning, nobody can complain of a lack of the real article in the winter weather line. The first edition of the January thaw, which set in on Sunday night, was of short duration.

—The Avenue House people had quite a scare on Friday afternoon last, by reason of the chimney's taking fire and threatening for a few moments to make matters lively there. Brisk work with the water-pail, however, prevented disaster, and but few persons on the street knew of the trouble till it was all over.

—A minstrel show will be given here in a few weeks by local talent. A side-splitting farce will be presented, several athletic features and other attractions. One of the features of the entertainment will be a banjo and guitar orchestra. The proceeds of the performance will be devoted to the paying off the debts of the base ball nine. We predict a crowded house.

—A pleasant New Year's reception was held at the Museum Monday night which was well attended by our townspeople. Col. and Mrs. Fairbanks received the visitors and New Year's greetings were ex-

changed. The building was brilliantly lighted and all availed themselves of the opportunity to look over this magnificent collection once more and also study the new specimens.

—There was a break in the electric lights on Saturday afternoon, caused by the falling of the derrick at Caldwell's new building on Railroad street. A large piece of Hardwick granite, costing \$100, was being raised into position when the accident happened, and this was broken. Luckily nobody was near enough to get hurt, and the breaking of the stone and the electric light connections was all the damage done.

—St. Johnsbury people who get their mail by carrier are likely soon to have a chance to take advantage of a new thing in mail boxes, by which is ensured the collection as well as the delivery of mail at the houses. This would prove a great convenience in many instances, but we understand that a majority of the residents on any one route would have to agree to take the new boxes before the system could be put in. Postmaster Sprague expects soon to be visited by a representative of the Postal Improvement Company, and then the citizens will have a chance to decide whether the new boxes shall be adopted.

—At the regular meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah, held Tuesday evening, Jan. 3, the following officers were installed: Mrs. W. D. Gould, noble grand; Mrs. H. A. Holder, vice grand; Mrs. J. S. Sanborn, secretary; Mrs. L. W. Heath, permanent secretary; Mrs. H. C. Bond, treasurer; Mrs. D. Mackey, inside guard; Mrs. B. F. Brown, warden; Mrs. C. A. Miles, conductor; Mrs. G. W. Dickey, chaplain; Mrs. P. D. Bowker, R. S. N. G.; Mrs. A. W. Simpson, L. S. N. G.; Mrs. A. Whitney, R. S. V. G.; Mrs. D. W. Batchelder, L. S. V. G.; Mrs. J. J. Thompson, R. A. S.; Miss Lilla Riekaby, L. A. S.; Mrs. W. C. Warner, Rebekah; Miss Ina Farr, pianist; C. A. Miles, outside guard.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. Frank Appleton conducted services at Summerville on Sunday afternoon.

The annual meeting of the South Congregational church was held on Monday evening last. The usual reports of the year were presented. There has been an unusual reduction of the church roll during the past year by reason of removals from town. John F. Ruelie was appointed treasurer; C. V. Perry, receiver of offerings; Harvill Padlock, A. H. McLeod and Henry G. Ely, wardens; Henry Fairbanks was again chosen superintendent of the Sunday school, with Elias Horton as assistant. The annual reunion and roll call of the church was held last evening.

The Methodist people held an interesting watch meeting on Saturday night last.

The pastor, Rev. C. W. Bradley, will conduct the services at Grace M. E. church next Sabbath morning and evening.

Rev. Costello Weston will conduct the service at Summerville next Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Free Baptist church will be held at the vestry next Saturday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

WEDDING BELLS.

The Littleton-Rubie Journal has a pleasant notice of the recent marriage of Lilla M. Aldrich of Littleton to J. Clarence Underwood of St. Johnsbury. The ceremony occurred here Dec. 20, and the Republic-Journal says:

"Mrs. Underwood, nee Aldrich, is well known in this village as a most estimable young lady, and an active member of the Congregational church in this place. Mr. Underwood is an active young man, taking much pride and pleasure in his vocation, being jointly connected with a younger brother as proprietor of Maple Row Farms, and also in a tenement block at St. Johnsbury. He is also officially connected with an active worker in the Caledonia County Agricultural Society. Many well-wishes and much happiness in their many friends go with them."

Commander Hugh Henry of the Vermont Grand Army has just issued an order for the annual state encampment which will be held at Rutland February 14 and 15. Indications point to the most successful encampment ever held.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. John M. Jencks has been visiting at her old home in this place.

Mrs. L. M. Atwood of West Randolph is visiting friends in town. Capt. C. M. Bonett of the St. Johnsbury Guard left on Tuesday for Rutland, to attend the officers' school.

John Bannan of base ball fame has returned to St. Johnsbury. Mr. Bannan had charge of the exhibit of the Dupont Manufacturing Company at the Mechanics Fair, Boston. Mrs. Crawford Ranney was at Manchester, N. H., on Monday in attendance on the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Morgan of that city.

Miss Julia Newell has resigned her position in the Union schools and secured a place as teacher in Hartford, Conn. Miss Mabel Brackett succeeds her for the remainder of the school year.

Alfred H. Lloyd, who was graduated from the Academy in the class of 1882, was married Dec. 28 to Miss Margaret E. Crocker of Springfield, Mass. Mr. Lloyd is instructor in philosophy in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

William G. Chamberlain, formerly of St. Johnsbury, has gone to Sherbrooke to open a branch house of the Whitney Electrical Investment Co. of Manchester, N. H. Mr. Chamberlain has been living in Pennecook, N. H., since last fall.

About 100 friends of Winfield S. Hastings gave him a house warming Tuesday evening. A chamber set and other gifts were brought and the presentation speech was made by Rev. Costello Weston. Refreshments were served and all had a most enjoyable time. Mr. Hastings has just got settled in his new house.

A HOLIDAY CANTATA.

The Young People's Union of the Universalist church here includes a good deal of musical ability. This was evidenced by the pretty presentation of the cantata entitled "Christmas Eve at Grandpa's," at the vestry on Monday evening last. The music was well given throughout, and the individual parts were sustained without a break. S. D. Atwood and Miss Brown appeared as the venerable couple, the former also officiating most acceptably as Santa Claus, to the great delight of the children. Misses Dow and Abbott and Messrs. Graham and Taft did some enjoyable quartette singing during the home celebration. Edna and Linnie Scott sang very pleasingly a couple of Christmas duets, and Sammie Dubarry entertained the audience with musical stories concerning a certain little brown curl and a neglected doll. Prior to the beginning of the cantata, George Fitch of the St. Johnsbury band gave a flute solo, in excellent style. Mrs. G. C. Richardson presided at the piano during the evening.

The entertainment was an agreeable musical and social opening for the new year, and put a little something into the union's treasury.

CATHOLICS IN VERMONT.

From a church calendar compiled by Rev. Father Moreau, curate of the parish of Notre Dame des Victoires, at St. Johnsbury, we glean the following statistics regarding the Catholics in this state:

That denomination has 56 priests, 45 churches with resident priests and 26 without, 12 chapels, 19 stations, 14 theological students, 7 academies, 19 parochial schools, 4278 children attending parochial and other Catholic schools, 15 convents, 2 hospitals, 118 orphans, from 35,000 to 36,000 French members, and from 13,000 to 14,000 Irish members; the Catholic families are estimated at about 6400 French and 4600 Irish.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

Last Friday was the fiftieth birthday of Terence McCormick, and his friends gave him a pleasant surprise in the evening. Quite a number gathered at his home, and seated him and his wife in handsome chairs, which they presented to them in token of their esteem and hearty good fellowship. The usual "exercises" followed, games, dancing and refreshments pleasantly filling the time till morning when

"Each took off his several way,
Resolved to meet some other day."

DR. BULLARD TALKS ABOUT THE FEVER.

In a letter to the Daily Republican on Saturday, Dr. Bullard refers to what the CALEDONIAN of last week said in regard to the necessity for an investigation into the cause for so many cases of typhoid fever here, and he says several things in which the St. Johnsbury people will be much interested. The doctor states that in his investigations since his appointment as health officer he has found but 38 cases of typhoid fever here, which is not an unusual number, generally considered; but the alarm felt grows out of the fact that eight of the 38 cases have proved fatal, which is a much larger percentage than usual. During the past few years the fever has been more or less prevalent in northeastern Vermont, but there have not before been so many deaths for that number of cases. Dr. Bullard further says:

"As to the etiology (cause) there are great doubts and differences of opinion among our medical men. That we have hundreds of places scattered over our village in which the typhoid bacilli can find a lodgment and a prosperous home in which to raise billions of other bacilli families, by reason of our unsanitary condition, no medical man doubts. As soon as the weather moderates so that water will not freeze in transportation, I have orders from the State Board of Health to send all the different water supplies to Washington, D. C., to be thoroughly examined chemically and bacteriologically. This I expect to do within a few days. I appeal to all good citizens who are interested in our beautiful town to make it sanitary what it is esthetically. The formulating of details must be done by the board after it is formed, and what our work is done must be done the coming summer."

The doctor invites the hearty cooperation of the St. Johnsbury people in his efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the town, and he is quick enough to say that he thinks "it is a providence of God that in our intolerable unsanitary condition we have not had sweeping epidemics of scarlatina, diptheria and typhoid fever before this."

Nobody should object to the adoption of stringent measures for the preservation of the public health; and whether there be objection or not, the board of health should make short work of the pestilent-breeding nuisances, wherever they may be found.

FROM ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

The next lecture in the Y. P. S. C. E. course will be given on Thursday evening, Jan. 12th, by George Fisk; subject, "Two Faces, or Marks and Remarks."

About fifty friends of S. R. Learned and wife called upon them on Monday evening to assist in celebrating their twentieth marriage anniversary, which occurred Jan. 1st. A pleasant evening was spent and some valuable presents were left in token of esteem.

Chas. Brown moves to St. Johnsbury this week.

Miss Josephine Harriman has returned to her duties as teacher of education at Lyndon Institute.

L. C. Woodbury has rented his farm and will move into Mrs. Clement's tenement, lately vacated by F. W. Vance, who has moved into E. M. Joyce's house.

Miss Cora Lyndon returns to her school at Lyndon next Monday.

E. B. Flint has finished off a room in his house and will run a grocery store.

S. K. Hase has a meat market in Mrs. Clement's store, which is a great convenience to people in this village.

George Edgecome is doing good business in the blacksmith shop, and giving good satisfaction.

Mrs. Martha Goss died last Monday, after an illness of only a few days. Last Thursday she was attacked with pneumonia, and up to Saturday evening she did not appear to be very sick; then the disease seemed to take a sudden change for the worse and she failed rapidly. Mrs. Goss was an excellent woman. She was a member of the Methodist church in this place, and she will be greatly missed in her family, as well as by the neighbors and friends. She leaves several children and grandchildren. One son, Ulysses, and daughter, Angeline, have always lived at home, and another daughter, Mrs. S. P. Stickney of Rosendale, Mass., was with her at the time of her death. Her husband died several years ago. She was about 72 years of age.

VILLAGE MEETING.

A Small Attendance, but Business was Done Just the Same.

The legal voters of the village of St. Johnsbury who were warned to meet at the Opera House yesterday did not respond to any great extent, but the few who were there did what business the warning called for, with one exception; and those who did not go can scarcely afford to find fault with what was done—even if anything was done to warrant fault-finding.

The business included in article one, the election of officers for the year ensuing, passed off quietly, the number of votes cast ranging from 127 to 138, and the result of the ballot is as follows:

The officers elected are as follows:
President—Hiram N. Turner.
Clerk—Arthur P. Stone.
Treasurer—Elijah D. Blodgett.
Collector—Avery D. Pike.
Trustees—For one year, Fred G. Bundy, Percy P. Hazen; for two years, Charles H. Stevens, H. W. Allen; for three years, Henry M. Cheney, William B. Barrett.

Pire Wardens—Edward P. Brown, Charles L. Carpenter, Harry A. Bartlett, Terence McCormick, Cyrus Sargent, Chester P. Dean, George Bennett.

Auditors—George W. Cree, Patrick A. Ronch, Harlan C. Bond.

The article calling for a vote to raise money on the grand list to pay current expenses and interest was passed by, to be taken up at an adjourned meeting June 20th next.

The village generosity towards the band last year was repeated at this meeting, and \$500 was again voted for that purpose without serious objection on the part of anybody present.

The proposed amendment to the by-laws was adopted. The amendment is as follows:

SECTION 1. No hogs or swine shall be kept within the limits of the village of St. Johnsbury between the first day of April and the first day of December of any year, except in such localities as may be designated by the trustees of said village, and all hogs or swine, together with the places wherein they are kept, between the dates aforesaid, except in the localities designated as aforesaid, are hereby declared to be nuisances; and the owner or keeper thereof shall forfeit and pay to the village of St. Johnsbury a fine of five (\$5) dollars for each and every hog or swine so kept in violation of this by-law, provided that the whole amount of such fine recovered in any one suit shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five (\$25) dollars.

SECTION 2. No person shall permit any nuisance to remain on his or her premises, to the annoyance of any other person or persons; any person so offending shall forfeit and pay to the village of St. Johnsbury for each and every violation the sum of ten (\$10) dollars. Such person or persons shall be directed of the trustees of the village, or any one of them, remove such nuisance, and in case of his or their failure so to do, the trustees shall cause the same to be abated, and such person or persons shall pay all expense of removing and abating the same.

BANK STATEMENTS.

The First National bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, carried \$2000 to its surplus account, which is now \$72,000, and has \$1,830.56 undivided profits.

The Passumpsic Savings Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent. Its loans on real estate and personal security in Vermont amount to \$624,000, and on real estate outside of Vermont \$577,000. The bank holds municipal and school bonds and stock in other Vermont banks to the tune of \$386,831. The cash on hand and deposited in Vermont banks is \$72,680,000; there is due its depositors \$1,680,000. The surplus and profits after paying the dividend amount to about \$68,000.

The Merchants National Bank declares a semi-annual dividend of three per cent and reports surplus and profits amounting to \$31,525.15. The directors say, in their statement just issued, that "all paper, including the New Mexico losses, which was regarded as at all doubtful, has been charged off, and the surplus now reported (\$30,000) is considered as being carried at an unquestionable figure."

The Citizens Bank reports a very prosperous year. There has been an increase of \$200,000 in the amount of its deposits, and of \$4000 in undivided profits; has charged off all losses and increased its dividend to stockholders from three to four per cent. Its deposit account now amounts to \$633,871.69, aside from \$102,322.60 due "business depositors."

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Natural History Society on Tuesday evening was well attended and very interesting. In the absence of the president, Prof. Brackett presided.

Mrs. S. T. Brooks read an instructive paper on grasses, in which many valuable points were brought out regarding the numerous varieties of grasses, special attention being given to timothy or herdsgrass, blue grass, arrow grass, orchard grass and a few other classes.

Joseph Fairbanks read a short paper concerning the blue heron, setting forth its beauty of plumage, localities in which it is found, its manner of living, its expertness as a "fisherman," and several other points of interest. A fine specimen of the heron stood meanwhile on a table in the class room, listening intently to what was being said of the family characteristics.

Prof. Brackett was invited to give some facts concerning the November shower of meteors, and did so; this in turn brought out several questions and resulted in a general informal talk—a feature which, by the way, can not be too thoroughly cultivated in the society.

Col. Fairbanks gave a somewhat amusing account of the difficulties under which Prof. Ward labored in getting casts of the different parts of the huge Glyptodon (referred to recently in these columns), and after adjournment the members passed into the Museum and inspected some of the new attractions in the departments of geology and paleontology.

It was announced that a lecture by Prof. Cooke of Burlington, on the "Migration of Birds," had been arranged for, at the class room, on the evening of the 27th inst.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

J. Robert Scott, physical instructor at the gymnasium, leaves to-day a few days, to take a similar position at the Syracuse (N. Y.) University. Mr. Scott's work here has been of the first order, and appreciated by the members of his classes, who will sincerely regret his going. The Syracuse offer was too flattering, however, to be refused. It is expected that a successor to Mr. Scott will be on hand soon, so there will be no material interruption in the work of the classes here.

The New Year's reception at the association rooms on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary, was participated in by about 200 of the members and their friends. The ladies served a substantial and refreshing lunch, President Putney gave a few words of greeting, and Messrs. Gorham and Shufelt and B. Frank Harris and B. W. Owen contributed musical features that were enjoyed.

MUSIC AT LITTLETON.

The 25th annual musical festival at Littleton occurs Jan. 16 to 20, and will, as usual, attract a number of St. Johnsbury singers. Littleton's conventions are generally of the first order, and the programme this year includes some excellent talent. Carl Zerrahn will conduct, the Germania Orchestra will assist, Mrs. Martha Dana Shepard will be the pianist, the famous Schubert Male Quartette will sing, J. Williams Macy will give humorous recitations, the Appleton Quartette has been engaged also, and a rich feast is promised. Grand concerts on the afternoons and evenings of the 19th and 20th, and reduced rates on the railroads.

AT THE EAST VILLAGE.

Ed. Drew has been suffering with a bad finger for a week past, caused by a blister and taking cold in it.

Mrs. Chester Ward was at Danville last week on a short visit.

Myrtie Hovey is reported to be improving, which her friends will be glad to learn.

Rev. Mr. Haynes, from Leonminster, Mass., it is expected, will preach here next Sunday.

A BOARD OF VISITORS.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Old Ladies' Home, on Friday last, the following were appointed a board of visitors to that institution: Mrs. Franklin Fairbanks, Mrs. S. W. Parkhurst, Mrs. A. L. Bailey, Mrs. Geo. F. Cushman, Mrs. B. W. Spaulding, Mrs. Jonathan Ross and Mrs. O. H. Henderson. This board will meet at Rev. C. M. Lamson's residence on Friday afternoon of this week, at four o'clock.